



**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON, DC**

**NOTICE**

**Served: November 16, 1998**

**U.S.-ITALY COMBINATION SERVICES**

On November 11, 1998, representatives of the United States and Italy initialed, *ad referendum*, a Protocol to the U.S.-Italy Air Transport Services Agreement constituting an open-skies agreement. Pending effectiveness of the Protocol, the two sides agreed to expand services in the market by permitting airlines of each side to operate a total of seven additional weekly frequencies between any point or points in the United States and any point or points in Italy effective April 1, 1999, on the basis of comity and reciprocity.

By this notice we invite all U.S. carriers interested in using these frequencies to file applications with the Department. Such applications should be filed within 5 calendar days from the service date of this notice. Answers to such applications should be filed within 2 calendar days from the application date.

Carriers without the requisite operating authority should file certificate applications and requests for allocation of frequencies for the market to be served. Carriers with the requisite underlying authority need file only requests for allocation of frequencies.<sup>1</sup> Except for the procedural dates, certificate applications should conform to Part 302, Subpart Q of our regulations (14 CFR Part 302). All applications (certificate and/or frequency allocations) should include, at a minimum, the following information: (a) the market(s) to be served, including the full single-plane routing for the service; (b) the number of frequencies requested; (c) type of aircraft to be used; (d) the proposed startup date for the services proposed; (e) the existing authority held to conduct the operations, if applicable; and (f) a statement as to whether the service will be operated on a code-share basis and, if so, a complete description of the proposed service, including the name of the code-sharing carrier, which carrier will be operating the flights, and a copy of the code-share agreement governing the proposed operations. Applicants are free to submit any additional information that they believe will help us in making our decision.

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<sup>1</sup> We note that US Airways, Inc. currently has on file an application to operate Philadelphia-Milan service in Docket OST-97-3079. Should US Airways remain interested in pursuing that request, it may amend that application to include the information requested in this notice by the procedural dates established.

All applications (for operating authority and/or frequencies) should be filed with the Department of Transportation, Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590.<sup>2</sup> Any further procedural steps, if necessary, will be established in a separate Department order. In this regard, should comparative selection procedures be necessary, we intend to process the case on an expedited procedural schedule to ensure that the case is completed in sufficient time for the selected carrier to be in a position to use the route rights as soon as they become available on April 1, 1999. In order to expedite the proceeding, service of applications to other parties in response to this notice may be made by facsimile.

We will serve this notice on all U.S. certificated air carriers.

By:

PAUL L. GRETCH  
Director  
Office of International Aviation

(SEAL)

Dated: November 13, 1998

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<http://dms.dot.gov/general/orders/aviation>*

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<sup>2</sup> The original submission is to be unbound and without tabs on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper using dark ink (not green) to facilitate use of the Department's docket imaging system. In the alternative, filers can use the electronic submission capability available through the Dockets/DMS internet site (<http://dms.dot.gov>) by following the instructions at the web site.